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7-5, 6-0

THE MODERATOR: Tell us a bit about how it was today.

REBECCA MARINO: Yeah, so obviously I was going in as the underdog and had a really close first set 7-5. I believe I was down in the first and had a nice little comeback there.

I was feeling really good and then unfortunately second set didn't really go the same way. I got a little disrupted with a few things and Coco increased her level and changed her tactics and played a good second set. So that's sort of my breakdown of how the match went.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. The unforced errors started piling up a little bit and you said there were a few things going on out there. But how were you not able to, I don't know, like get it back on track when the errors started coming?

REBECCA MARINO: It wasn't for lack of trying.

Q. No, I know.

REBECCA MARINO: I was trying to keep those unforced errors down. I know she was starting to hit higher loopier balls to my backhand and I was trying to take that early as much as possible.

But the unforced errors were coming and kudos to her for playing a little bit smarter and changing her tactics.

For me there was a lot of takeaways from that set and things to learn from and to go back to the practice court and improve. That's how I'm trying to look at it in a more positive light, as frustrating as it might be.

Q. How happy are you with your level you've gotten to at this point? The qualifying round was really emphatic and being right there in the close set with a top-20 player like Coco, like how do you feel about sort of this sort of measurement you got of your



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game and your level from this whole Roland Garros experience?

REBECCA MARINO: Yeah, I mean I feel like my level's right there, particularly going through qualifying and having three really solid matches, I gained a lot of confidence.

And then, yeah, playing against Coco a top-20 player, having a really close first set that I really felt was on my racquet, it boiled down to my unforced errors. Those are really positive signs and, you know, going into grass season and the rest of the season I hope to continue off that platform and build confidence and keep going with it. There's a lot of positives out of it, for sure.

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